

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

**SBA SHIPYARD SUPERFUND SITE
JENNINGS, JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA**

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**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6**

THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
SUPERFUND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM IS COMMITTED
TO PROMOTING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITIZENS AND THE AGENCY.

ACTIVE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY PUBLIC PROJECT.

EPA'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE

SBA SHIPYARD SUPERFUND SITE

ARE DESIGNED TO

INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE NATURE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE SITE,

INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL AFFECT THEM,

INVOLVE THE PUBLIC IN THE RESPONSES UNDER CONSIDERATION TO REMEDY THESE
ISSUES, AND

INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE TO IMPLEMENT THE REMEDY.

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Section 1.0

Overview of the Community Involvement Plan

EPA developed this Community Involvement Plan to facilitate two-way communication between the community surrounding the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site and EPA and to encourage community involvement in site activities. EPA will utilize the community involvement activities outlined in this plan to ensure that residents are continuously informed and provided opportunities to be involved.

This Community Involvement Plan addresses SBA Shipyard relationship to the community and EPA (Section 2.0), provides a background of the community (Section 3.0), presents EPA's community involvement program (Section 4.0), and provides a listing of resources available (Appendices). EPA drew upon several information sources to develop this plan, including community interviews and site files. EPA's Regional Office will oversee the implementation of the community involvement activities outlined in this Plan.

Section 2.0

Site Background and Description

2.1 Site History

The SBA Shipyard (hereinafter the "Site") used the location for construction, repair, retrofitting and cleaning of barges from 1965 to 1999. Barges serviced by SBA typically held diesel, coal tar, creosote, crude oil, gasoline and asphalt. The site has three barge slips and a dry dock that are located off the Mermentau River. The slips were used to dock barges during cleaning or repair.

2.2 Site Description/Location

The SBA site is located at 9040 Castex Landing Road, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. The 98-acre property is located at the end of State Highway 3166 and adjacent to the west bank of the Mermentau River, approximately two miles southwest (downstream) of Mermentau, Louisiana.

2.3 Site Inspections and Cleanup Activities

Soil, sediment and ground water were contaminated at the site with numerous polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals from barge cleaning activities.

Removal activities were conducted by SBA contractors from March 2001 to January 2005 under an EPA December 2002 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Order and Agreement. The site was referred to the EPA by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) in September 2012 due to active releases of hazardous materials from an abandoned barge into the Mermentau River, to which the Coast Guard responded. Remedial cleanup activities are scheduled to begin at the site in September 2018.

Section 3.0 Community Background

As of the 2010 Census: the population of Jennings, Louisiana is approximately 10,383 individuals.

3.1 Community Profile

Ethnicity	Population
Caucasian	72.2%
African-American	25.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	.3%
Asian	.1%
Hispanic	.1%
Two or More Races	1.8

3.2 History of Community Involvement

No prior community involvement.

3.3 Key Community Concerns

Contamination has migrated from the facility to underlying ground water, adjacent wetlands and nearby surface waters. The Mermentau River borders the SBA property and is fished recreationally.

3.4 Summary of Communication Needs

To ensure that any other community concerns are identified and are provided an appropriate response, community visits will be initiated by the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator. Fact sheets in regard to site activities will also be produced to provide the community the most current information on the site. An internet website has been established to assist in providing information to the community. EPA will also maintain a toll-free number available to the community to allow immediate access to the Site EPA Project Manager and Community Involvement Coordinator

Section 4.0 EPA's Community Involvement Program

The overall goal of EPA's community involvement program is to promote two-way communication between citizens and the EPA and to provide opportunities for meaningful and active involvement by the community in the cleanup process. EPA will

implement the community involvement activities described below. The following plan is based on community concerns described earlier.

4.1 The Plan

Issue 1: Keeping the public informed and up to date.

Activity 1A: Designate an EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC).

- Objective: To provide a primary liaison between the community and the EPA, and to ensure prompt, accurate, and consistent responses and information dissemination about the site. In those instances where EPA's CIC may be unable to provide adequate information (such as on technical issues), inquiries will be directed to the appropriate EPA contact.
- Method: EPA will designate an EPA CIC to handle site inquiries and serve as a point of contact for community members. The CIC is appointed by the Region 6 headquarters. Jason T. McKinney is the EPA CIC assigned to the site. He will work closely with Michael Torres, EPA's Remedial Project Manager for the site.
- Timing: The current CIC was designated October 2015.

Activity 1B: Prepare and distribute site fact sheets and technical summaries.

- Objective: To provide citizens with current, accurate, easy-to-read, and easy-understand information about SBA Shipyard Superfund Site.
- Method: Fact sheets will be mailed to all parties on the site mailing list. In addition, copies will be available at the information repository and in various cooperating business locations in the community.
- Timing: EPA will prepare and distribute fact sheets as needed depending on site activities and community needs.

Activity 1C: Involve students, parents, teachers through area schools.

- Objective: To educate faculty, students and their parents about the site, to invite and address their concerns regarding it, and to caution students about the site.
- Method: Address school faculty and students through visits and presentations to classroom, faculty, school assembly, or other meetings or events. Additionally, communicate with parents through take-home materials provided to the students and/or by attending and participating in PTA meetings or events.

- Timing: As community concern warrants or at least every year until the site is closed out.

Activity 1D: Provide a toll-free “800 number” for the community to contact EPA.

- Objective: To enable citizens to get the latest information available when they want it, rather than having to wait for a meeting or a fact sheet, and without incurring any cost.
- Method: EPA will activate the 800 number and publish it periodically in the local papers and in all fact sheets.
- Timing: The line is currently operational (1-800-533-3508).

Activity 1E: Maintain a mailing list for the Site.

- Objective: To facilitate the distribution of site-specific information to everyone who needs or wants to be kept informed about the site.
- Method: EPA had created a mailing list that includes all residences adjacent to the site, in known or suspected paths of migration, or those otherwise affected by the site. EPA will also solicit interested parties via fact sheets, newspaper articles, public meetings, public availabilities, etc.
- Timing: EPA will begin working on this mailing list immediately and will review/revise it periodically to keep it current.

Activity 1F: Establish and maintain Information Repositories.

- Objective: To provide a convenient location where residents can go to read and copy official documents and other pertinent information about the site and EPA activities.
- Method: The repository is a reference collection of site information containing the Administrative Record file, other site-specific information, the Community Involvement Plan, information about the Technical Assistance Grant program, and the general Superfund process. The Community Involvement Coordinator will work with a local contact to establish the local repository. This repository will be accessible to the physically challenged, will have copier facilities, and will be available to residents during normal business hours and at least some evening and/or weekend hours.
- Timing: EPA established the local repository at the Jefferson Davis Parish Library, 118 W. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546. EPA will add new documents as they become available.

Activity 1G: Provide Site and Superfund information on the Internet.

- Objective: To provide key resources for searching and listing both general and specific information about Superfund and hazardous waste issues.
- Method: A Site Profile for this site can be found at <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0607497>. Information about EPA and Superfund can be found at: EPA Headquarters: <http://www.epa.gov>
EPA Region 6: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-6-south-central>
The Proposed Plan and the Record of Decision (ROD) for the site will be on the EPA internet website once they are completed.
- Timing: Site Status Summaries are periodically updated.

Activity 1H: Provide Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) information.

- Objective: To provide resources for community groups to hire technical advisors who can assist them in interpreting technical information about the site.
- Method: EPA will provide information about the TAG program at public meetings and in site fact sheets. EPA will also provide briefing sessions to interested groups if so requested. EPA will provide TAG applications to qualified groups and will provide assistance to the group in completing the application.
- Timing: EPA will continue to promote TAGs until one is awarded.

Activity 1I: Establish and maintain the Administrative Record.

- Objective: To provide residents with a paper trail of all documents, resources, etc. used by the Remedial Project Manager and Site Team in reaching all decisions about the site and its cleanup.
- Method: EPA will provide at least two sets of the Administrative Record for the site, one in the EPA Region 6 offices located at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202 and one located in the local Information Repository near the site.
- Timing: The Administrative Record will open as soon as site investigation began and remains open until the last ROD is signed.

Issue 2: Provide adequate and meaningful opportunities for community involvement.

Activity 2A: Hold public meetings.

- Objective: To update the community on site developments and address community questions, concerns, ideas and comments.
- Method: EPA will schedule, prepare for, and attend all announced meetings. EPA will provide at least two weeks' notice of the scheduled meeting. The Remedial Project Manager, Community Involvement Coordinator, and other appropriate EPA staff will attend.
- Timing: A public meeting is required during the Proposed Plan comment period. EPA will hold other public meetings as appropriate. There is a public meeting scheduled for October 25th 2018.

Activity 2B: Encourage formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG).

- Objective: To provide citizens with a meaningful way to become actively involved, and to provide the Site Team with a viable means of learning citizen concerns and attitudes.
- Method: EPA will encourage the formation of a CAG and provide support as appropriate to facilitate its formation. If formed, EPA will provide administrative support but will not be an active member.
- Timing: EPA will respond to any requests for help to form a CAG. As necessary, EPA will promote CAGs regularly throughout the Superfund process until one is formed.

Activity 2C: Make informal visits to community.

- Objective: To help keep community members informed about the site, while providing EPA with feedback about site activities and the community's opinions.
- Method: EPA will establish a presence in the community through informal, often unscheduled visits to talk spontaneously with residents.
- Timing: Throughout the entire Superfund process.

Activity 2D: Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period.

- Objective: To give community members an opportunity to review and comment on various EPA documents, especially the Proposed Plan. This provides the citizens with meaningful involvement in the process and

provides the Site Team with valuable information for use in making decisions.

- Method: EPA will announce each comment period separately. Announcements will appear in local newspapers and EPA fact sheets; they will include particulars on duration, how to make comments, where to submit comments, etc. EPA may solicit comments on the following information/draft documents: draft CIP, draft summary of test results (not individual tests) and initial interpretation, preliminary findings on the RI and a list of possible remedies likely to be considered, preliminary findings of the FS and a brief summary of the leading contender for the proposed remedy, and preliminary plans for implementation and construction.
- Timing: Comment periods will be announced as appropriate. A comment period is required in conjunction with the announcement of the Proposed Plan and will last a minimum of 30 days. The comment period will be established once the proposed plan has been drafted.

Activity 2E: Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary.

- Objective: To summarize comments received during comment periods, to document how the EPA has considered those comments during the decision-making process, and to provide responses to major comments.
- Method: EPA prepared a Responsiveness Summary as a section of the Record of Decision. The Responsiveness Summary included four sections: 1. Overview; 2. Background on Community Involvement; 3. Summary of comments received and Agency responses; 4. Remedial Design/Remedial Action concerns. All information, both technical and nontechnical, was conveyed in a manner that is easily understood.
- Timing: EPA issued the Responsiveness Summary as part of the Record of Decision.

Activity 2F: Revise the Community Involvement Plan (CIP).

- Objective: To identify and address community needs, issues, or concerns regarding the site or the cleanup remedy that are not currently addressed in this CIP.
- Method: The Revised CIP will update the information presented in the previous version of the CIP.
- Timing: EPA will revise the CIP as community concern warrants or at least every three years until the site is closed out.

Activity 3A: Provide Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) information.

- Objective: A headquarters contracting mechanism that provides a resource for independent, non-advocacy educational and technical assistance to a community affected by hazardous waste sites regulated by CERCLA and RCRA. This contract service is provided to communities, so they can more effectively participate in the hazardous waste cleanup process in a more expedited manner.
- Method: EPA will provide information about the TASC program at public meetings and in site fact sheets as applicable. EPA will also provide briefing sessions to interested groups if so requested. EPA will provide information on TASC contract information to qualified groups and will provide assistance to the applicant group in completing the Statement of Work for the contract application.
- Timing: As needed

4.2 Time Frame Summary for Community Involvement Activities

ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME
Designate an EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC)	Completed
Prepare and distribute site fact sheets and technical summaries	As needed, at least two yearly
Involve students, parents, teachers through area schools	As needed, at least annually
Provide a toll-free "800 number" for the community to contact EPA	Currently in operation
Maintain a mailing list for the Site	Ongoing
Establish and maintain Information Repositories	Established, update as needed
Provide Site and Superfund information on the Internet	Currently available; update as needed
Provide Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) information	Ongoing
Establish and maintain the Administrative Record	Established, update as needed
Conduct special events	As needed
Hold community/public meetings	As needed
Encourage formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG)	Ongoing
Make informal visits to community	As needed
Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period	As needed and required
Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary	Following public comment periods
Revise the Community Involvement Plan (CIP)	As needed, at least every 3 years

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Appendix B
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District E

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City Court Judge

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Jennings, LA 70546
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Police Chief

Chief Todd A. D'Albor
110 N. Broadway Street
Jennings, LA 70546
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Jefferson Davis Parish

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Jennings, LA 70546
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Parish Police Jury

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Appendix C
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Jennings Office

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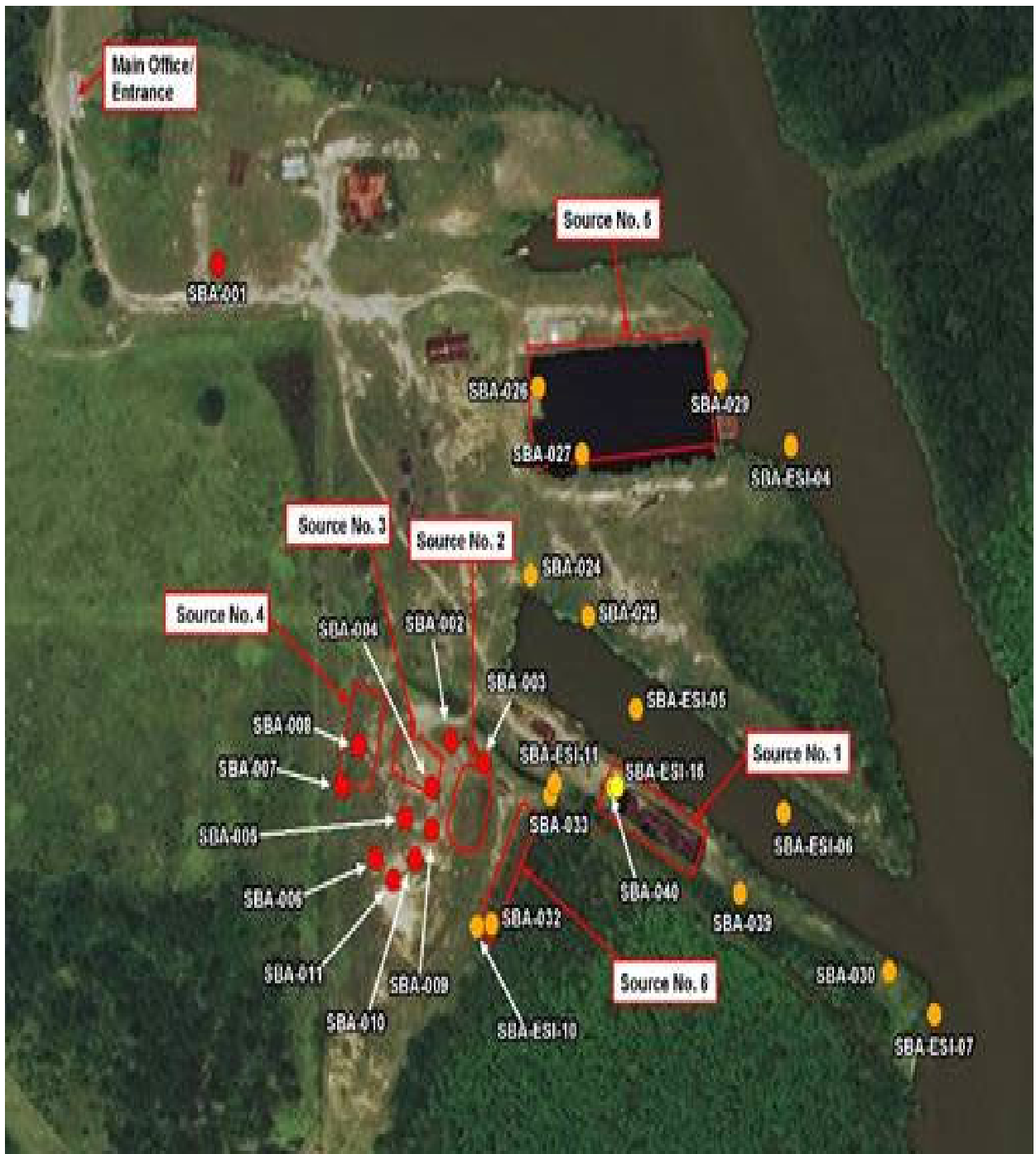
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Appendix E Area Map



Appendix F

Site Map



Appendix G
Environmental and Active Citizens Groups

None at this time.

Appendix H
Potentially Responsible Parties

SBA Shipyard PRP Group

Appendix I
Media Contacts

Newspaper

Jennings Daily News
238 N. Market Street
Jennings, LA 70546
Tel: 337.824.3011

Radio

Strongest AM radio stations:

KJEF 1290AM
900 N. Lake Shore Drive
Lake Charles, LA 70601
Tel: 337.433.1641

KDYS 1520 AM
202 Galbert Road
Lafayette, LA 70506
Tel: 337.232.2636

KVOL
3225 Ambassador Caffery Parkway
Lafayette, LA 70506
Tel: 337.233.1330

KLCL
900 N. Lake Shore Drive
Lake Charles, LA 70601
Tel: 337.433.1641

KSIG
1906 Eraste Landry Road
Lafayette, LA 70506
Tel: 337.406.1021

Strongest FM radio stations:

KHLA
1137 Shady Lane
Westlake, LA 70669
Tel: 337.433.2999

KAJN-FM
110 W. 3rd Street
Crowley, LA 70526
Tel: 337.783.1560

KBXG
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Lafayette, LA 70504
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KSMB
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Lafayette, LA 70506
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KVEE
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Media Contact Continued

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KPLC NBC
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KLFY CBS
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KADN FOX
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Appendix J
Meeting Locations

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Jennings, LA 70546

Appendix K

Repository Locations

Local Repository

Jefferson Davis Parish Library
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Appendix L
Other Local Resources

Jefferson Davis Parish Schools

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Elementary Schools

Jennings Elementary School

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Jennings, LA 70546
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Principal: Rory Myers

Ward Elementary School

208 E. Shankland Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
Tel: 337.824.1235
Principal: Tina Gaudet

High School

Jennings High School

2310 N. Sherman Street
Jennings, LA 70546
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Principal: Wilbert Gilbeaux Jr.

Private Schools

K-8 Charter School

Our Lady Immaculate
600 Roberts Avenue
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Tel: 337.824.1743
Principal: Rebecca Chapman

Christian School Grade 1-12

Bethel Christian School
15147 Highway LA-102
Jennings, LA 70546
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Principal: Marva Bradley